

Remarks

The Office Action dated August 29, 2005 has been reviewed carefully and the application amended in a sincere effort to place the remaining amended claims in condition for allowance. Furthermore, reconsideration of the rejection of the remaining claims, which have been amended directly or indirectly, and allowance of the same, are respectfully requested on the basis of the following remarks.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-8 will be pending in this application. The limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 has been canceled.

MPEP §2163.06, 8th Edition, Revision 4, clearly states Information contained in any one of the specification, claims or drawings of the application as filed may be added to any other part of the application without introducing new matter.

In addition to the limitations added from claim 1, claim 2 has also been amended to more clearly recite the limitations of that claim. Support for the amendments to claim 2 can be found on page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 8 and FIGS. 1 and 3 of the Applicant's specification.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to more clearly recite the limitations of those claims. Support for the amendments to claim 3 can be found on page 3, lines 11-14, and FIGS. 1 and 2 of the Applicant's specification. Support for the amendments to claim 4 can be found on page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 10, and FIGS. 1-4 of the Applicant's specification. Moreover, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend from amended claim 2.

Claim 5 has been amended to more clearly recite the limitations of that claim. Support for the amendments to claim 5 can be found on page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 27, and FIGS. 3 and 4 of the Applicant's specification.

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to more clearly recite the limitations of those claims. Support for the amendments to claim 6 can be found on page 3, lines 11-14, and FIGS. 1 and 2 of the Applicant's specification. Support for the amendments to claim 7 can be found on page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 10, and FIGS. 1-4 of the Applicant's specification.

Summary of Rejections and Objections

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Honsa (US 4,905,772).

The Invention

As amended the invention now claims a connecting foot for orbital movement machines, in particular orbital sanders, characterized in that that foot, which connects an operating plate and a body of said machine, includes an internal cylinder of hard plastic having an axial hole passing therethrough. The internal cylinder has an external coating of rubber that substantially surrounds the internal cylinder. The external coating has end heads located at opposite ends of the internal cylinder. The ends heads are connected by a rod of rubber that is disposed within the axial hole.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112

The applicants have amended claims 2-8 to more clearly recite the limitations found in those claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2-8 are no longer indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Honsa.

As stated above, claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is now moot.

In section 5 of the Office Action the Examiner states that claim 2 would be allowable if it were rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112 and if it were rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) from which it depends.

Per the Examiner's recommendation, the limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into amended independent claim 2 from which claims 3 and 4 now depend. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claim 2 and the claims 3-4, which depend from it, are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims 2 and 5-8

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 2 and 5-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

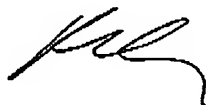
As stated above, the limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into claim 2. Moreover, claims 2-8 have been amended to more clearly recite the limitations found in those claims in accordance with 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 are in proper form for issuance of a Notice of Allowance and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain with this application, examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 412-566-1920 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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